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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3 and cancel claims 2 and 4-54 without prejudice.

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An *in vitro* method of determining whether or not an individual has metastasized colorectal cancer cells comprising the steps of examining a sample of extraintestinal lymph node tissue the steps of examining a sample of extraintestinal lymph node tissue and from an individual to determine whether CRCA-1 transcript is being expressed by cells mRNA is present in said sample wherein expression the presence of said CRCA-1 transcript mRNA is indicative of the presence of metastasized colorectal cancer cells in said sample.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein expression the presence of said CRCA-1 transcript by said cells mRNA in said sample is determined by polymerase chain reaction wherein said sample is contacted with primers that selectively amplify said CRCA-1 transcript or cDNA generated therefrom.
- 4-54. (Canceled)